Gintautas Vileita
The President of World Wrestling on Belts Committee Alysh (WWBCA), the President of European Sport Committee

Democratical movements of the contemporary world gave an impetus to various national culture and traditions, including physical culture and physical education. Lots of today's sports that are in the program of the Olympics clearly do show the uniqueness of physical preparation of various national branches of sport.

This phenomenon was indeed noticed by number of international both sports and culture institutions such as IOC, UNESCO, GAISF etc.

Amongst the pioners was Russian Judo Federation, that in early 1993 began supporting national wrestling due to many athletes and coaches started their career as a sportsman in national sports.

Vice-president of European Judo Union (EJU), Mr. F. Hoogendijk, the president of Russian Judo federation Mr. G. Koletkin and other leaders of national Judo federations deepened their knowledge in ancient national wrestling on belts in Europe and Asia.

In 1996 F. Hoogendijk, as a president of EJU, G. Vileita as a mem-ber of DC of EJU visited Andizhan in Uzbekistan. During the tournament of Uzbekin Kurash wrestling on belts Mr. Kamil Yusupov (Uzbekistan), Mr. Bayraman Erkinbayev and Mr. Anvar Kadyrov (Kyrgyz) introduced the peculiarities of wrestling of belts of Central Asia.

EJU during 50 congress of EJC, that was held in Monaco in 1997, gave an opportunity to the delegation of Uzbekistan (lead by the minister of Sports Mr. Baxadyr Maxitov) to present national wrestling of Central Asia. Participants of the congress with a great interest accepted the information presented and supported the initiative of developing Uzbek national wrestling (Kurash) on international arena.

In 1998 EJU inform the president of Uzbekistan, Mr. Islam Karimov, about the results of spreading Kurash in Europe and asked to support the idea of establishing International Kurash association in Uzbekistan.

In the same year the capital of Uzbekistan (Tashkent) hosted 1 International Tournament of Kurash wrestling. 29 countries competed to win the prizes of the president Karimov. During the tournament the constituent assembly took place, and that time it was decided to found International Kurash Association (IKA). Mr. Yusupov was elected to be the first president of IKA. By a solid vote Mr. Islam Karimov was elected as a president of Honor of IKA.

IKA in cooperation with EJU organized its 1 World championship in 1999. 51 country and 50 thousands of people were witnesses of this spectacular event of national wrestling.

Creation of IKA, and organization of I World Championship contributed to the development of other national wrestling. As a result in 2000 during the congress of IKA in Turkey Mr. B. Arkinbaev and Mr. G. Vileita suggested to develop wrestling on belts of other nations, that are popular not only in Asia, but also in Europe. Majority of members of IKA approved such an idea.

IKA leaders started working in the direction to develop Uzbek Kurash, and the group of enthusiasts (Mr. B. Erkinbaev (Kyrgyz), Mr. N. Azizov (Uzbekistan), Mr. S. Engirbaev (Kazachstan), Mr. K. Soudi (Iran) made the first steps in establishing international organization that would unite all lovers of wrestling on belts.

1999, Tashkent (Uzbekistan, 1 Kurash World Championship

2002, Osh, Kyrgyz, 1 World Championship of Wrestling on Belts Alysh

Representatives from 21 country came to 1 World Championship of wrestling on belts, that was held in Osh (Kyrgyzstan). Moreover, these countries became the founders of new international unit International Federation Alysh.

In March, 2005 many representatives of national wrestling gathered to an international symposium in Vilnius (Lithuania). During this event development of wrestling on belts, its perspectives worldwide were discussed and analyzed. Participants of the symposium made a resolution, stating that all kinds of wrestling on belts are supported by IFWBA.

In September, 2005 in the capital of Tatarstan (Kazan, Russia) during IV World championship of wrestling on belts Alysh, competitions of national wrestling of Tartar took place. It was a good example in what direction IFWBA develops and that it supports all national wrestling.

In 2006 one more World Championship was organized in Ukraine, during it competitions of national wrestling of Ukraine was arranged.

In 2007 wrestling on belts Alysh (15 different national wrestling), was included into the program of European Sports Games in Kiev (Ukraine).

Ukraine and European association on wrestling on belts Alysh continued the strategy of IFWBA.

In 2008 in June IFWBA became a member of FILA, and is called World Wrestling on Belts Committee Alysh (WWBCA).

It should be mentioned that in 2008, during the Busan TreX Games followers of wrestling on belts, together with Korean Ssireum representatives, will demonstrate their technique during the 6 World championship of Alysh.
From the birth and growth of national wrestling...

...to the unification of national wrestling while living peaceful and healthy way of life
Resolution
of the International symposium on prospects of development of national kinds of wrestling
20 of March, 2005, Vilnius, Lithuania

We, the participants of the international symposium, representatives of 21 country and 4 continents believe that any branch of sport, that is an object of interest of the next generation, as a means of physical and spiritual development has the right to be supported by the state, international, social and sport organizations, since that would help to protect youth from the plague of the 21 century: drugs, terrorism, etc.

It is expedient to suppose that in the modern conditions of globalization, political and economic development, it is compulsory to use the growing interest of the citizens to national culture and traditions in the system of health improvement to its maximum.

The major role here is devoted to national branches of wrestling, which are the bearers of the long-lasting traditions and the source of training of the high class sportmen, who successfully participate in the international competitions, as well as in the Olympic games: Shota Chochashvili (Georgia), Shamil Khisamutdinov (Russia), Daulet Turykhanov (Kazakhstan), Golam Resa Takti (Iran), Rasol Khadem (Iran) and others are the outstanding example in this case.

Symposium witnesses that International Federation of Wrestling on Belts Alysh in its work, based on the cultural heritage, as a successor of the centuries-old traditions of wrestling.

Symposium finds it expedient to submit the final documents to the board of directors of the International Federation of Wrestling on Belts Alysh and to ask it to pass the documents on, in order to acknowledge with them other countries and public organizations, which are interested in the development of the national branches of wrestling.

For the cooperation regarding the perfection of the system of physical education, reinforcing friendly relationships among countries, we support the initiative of the International Federation of Wrestling on Belts Alysh of uniting national branches of wrestling which would be based on the principles of preservation and co-enrichment of national and cultural traditions.

Symposium authorizes the participants to address the state and public organizations of their countries that are in charge of sport and culture development, in order to explain the initiative of the International Federation of Wrestling on Belts Alysh, as well as to seek for support of those initiatives in international organizations.

After listening to the reports of the leading specialists in national branches of wrestling, scientists in the field of physical education and culture, representatives of state and political organizations, and discussing them further on, Symposium is addressing the Congress, as it is the highest governing authority of International Federation of Wrestling on Belts Alysh and asking it to make all the necessary amendments into regulations of the IFWBA and into the rules of competitions, that would serve for the good of the further development of national branches of wrestling, physical and spiritual education of the next generation, reinforcing of the peace and cooperation among countries, in accordance with the charter of the Olympic movement; and to support the proposal put forward by Iranian National Federation 'Zurchan' to set up in Lithuania an International Academy of National-Style Wrestling.

To charge the leaders of the sections together with editors' commission to summarize the materials of the symposium and offers of the countries' representatives that cultivate national branches of wrestling, trainers, referees, specialists, science representatives and to submit them to the branch of directors of the International Federation of Wrestling on Belts Alysh in a month's time.
Cholpon Sultanbekova
The President of Asian Federation of Wrestling on Belts Alysh,
the President of Honor of IFWBA

On the origins of IFWBA

Many countries all over the world have national wrestling that can be traced to ancient times. In 1990-1995 long discussions took place in order to unite all national wrestling under one single organization. Initiative was taken by Uzbekistan Sports organizations.

As a result in 1998 the 1st International Tournament was held in Tashkent. During this event, it was decided to found International Kurash Federation (www.ika.org). In 1999 the 1st World Championship took place in Tashkent. 51 countries participated.

Initial task of International Kurash Federation was to unite any kinds of wrestling. However after two years work, under the influence of Uzbekistan Sports organizations, International Kurash Federation began promoting one style of wrestling that is “Gouresh” (Uzbekistan-Kurash). Later it was emphasized in the statute of International Kurash Federation. This style of wrestling is similar to judo, the only difference is that fighting is allowed only in standing position.

Many countries were highly disappointed with a change of the direction. The necessity of solving this confusing situation was understood.

As a result, in 2001 1st International Wrestling Tournament was hosted by Osh city (Kyrgyz). The governor of Osh Mr. Naken Kasiyev initiated this event to happen. 9 countries participated.

During this tournament there was made a decision of uniting all countries that have national wrestling on belts and soon after temporary organization called International Alysh Federation (IAF) was established.

Why Alysh? To begin, a neutral title was required due to not to repeat the mistakes of International Kurash Federation. Moreover, the word „Alysh“ was found the most suitable due to it originates from old Turkish word, which has a meaning of grappling, fighting in order to see which opponents physical strength is bigger, it includes all kind of wrestling (i.e. hand wrestling).

In 2002 December 1st World Championship took place in Osh (Kyrgyz). 29 countries participated. During this championship the statute and the rules of IAF were approved, board members elected and officially in September 10, 2002 International Alysh Federation was registered in Ministry of Justice in Bishkek (Kyrgyz).

In 2004 December during the congress in Istanbul the previous name of organization was changed to International Federation of Wrestling on Belts Alysh (IFWBA), and in 2005 it was reegeted in Kyrgyz.

In 2005 October on the congress, which was held in Kazan, an idea of founding International Traditional Wrestling Association was raised. The president of IFWBA R. Gaynanov and the secretary general of IFWBA G. Vileita were in charge of registering this new organization. In 2006 April a new organization International Traditional Wrestling Association was founded in Moscow under the patronage of IFWBA.

Soon after the founding International Traditional Wrestling Association split from IFWBA and started acting on its own (their website:www.belt-wrestling.org) This association illegally uses copyrights of IFWBA, for its own championship has taken the succession of championships of IFWBA.
FILA presents ALYSH

Since its creation in 1905, the International Federation of Associated Wrestling Styles (FILA) is bound by its Constitution to recognize and develop all wrestling styles practised around the world. This recognition has been made reality for many years with the annual organisation on the continent with the deepest traditional wrestling roots of the African Traditional Championship.

In June 2008, a new important step was made by FILA with the signature of an agreement with the International Federation of Wrestling on Belts Alysh that accepted to join FILA in the form of a World Committee. The objective of this rapprochement was to invest the new World Committee with the mission to unite and develop on behalf of FILA all forms of belt wrestling existing in the world in order to make them a strong international discipline.

FILA kindly invites all existing national structures of belt wrestling to join the World Belt Wrestling Committee Alysh in order to perpetuate their traditions and make belt wrestling a world known and respected sport.

The word "Alysh" meaning "fighting to determine the strongest opponent" finds its roots in ancient Turkish and was chosen by the World Belt Wrestling Committee Alysh to embody the bringing together of all belt wrestling styles practised throughout the world. This form of traditional wrestling is one of the most widespread, but it has many variations in rules depending on the historical and cultural context. The World Committee that joined FILA in June 2008 was therefore entrusted with the mission to unify all national belt wrestling forms under common rules in order to ensure the organisation of international competitions and increase the popularity of this sport.

The belt wrestling matches take place over a period of 5 minutes for men and 4 minutes for women. The competitors wear white trousers and either a blue or a green jacket held tight by a flexible red belt. While holding each other's belt, they try to throw their opponent to the mat. The technical points are awarded according to the amplitude of the throws: 1 point if the opponent lands on a knee or buttocks, 2 points if the opponent lands sideways or on a hip, and 6 points if the opponent lands on the back. The first competitor who scores 6 points wins the match. The rules adopted by the World Committee are purposely simple so that all national belt wrestling styles can express themselves within a generic form of the discipline.

www.fila-wrestling.com
Wrestling on belts joins FILA

...in the residence of FILA (International Federation of Associated Wrestling Styles), in Vevey (Switzerland) a convention regarding IFWBA (International Federation of Wrestling on Belts Alysh) affiliation to FILA was signed receiving the same status as Greco-Roman wrestling and freestyle wrestling.

The president of FILA, Rafael Martinetti (Switzerland) and the president of IFWBA, Gintautas Vileita (Lithuania) signed a convention. It was agreed that World Wrestling on Belts Committee will be created in FILA and thus the main organization developing wrestling on belts was determined.

(Source: www.sportcom.ru)

Rafael Martinetti (Switzerland), President of FILA
Gintautas Vileita (Lithuania), President of WWBCA
R. Martinetti, president of FILA, talked to "SPORTCOM"

“It should be said that discussions with the different international organizations took place for a long while, however all leaders expressed desire for direct membership in GAISF. I would like to emphasize that IFWBA still possess possibility to develop autonomously and with the help of FILA cooperation with athletes of Olympic sports could be more efficient, since lots of wrestlers all over the world do participate in wrestling on belts in their homeland. We will probably suggest a program for the Olympics to demonstrate wrestling on belts.

In a near future FILA will send official recommendations to national federations-members regarding collaboration with national federations-members of IFWBA. Such practice has long lasting traditions in the Olympic movement; f. e. International Gymnastic Federation (FIG) cooperates with the federations of acrobatics and acrobics, or International Skating Union (ISU) with synchronized skating, whereas FIFA develops Futsal and Beach Soccer.”
World Wrestling on Belts Committee Alysh (WWBCA)

Gintautas Vileita
(Lithuania) President of WWBCA, president of IFWBA since 2007

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President of Honor of IFWBA

Aleksandr Medved
(Belarus)
Vice President of National Olympic Committee of Belarus, President of Belarus Wrestling Federation, 3 times Olympic champion, professor of informatics and radionics department at Belarus State University; was awarded by IOC and UNESCO
Official Invitation

WBBWCA – Tres OC
The 6th Alysh World Championship
25 Sep. – 1 Oct. 2008

It is a great pleasure for World Belt Wrestling Committee Alysh “WBBWCA” to invite the

National Alysh Team
as the Member of WBBWCA to South Korea to participate in

The 6th Alysh World Championship

to be held in Busan, South Korea from 25 Sep. – 1 Oct. 2008

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- Departure: Wednesday, 1 October 2008
- Entry Fee: 50 US $ per person (Every team would include Maximum 8 persons including: Athletes & Staff)
- Competition Rules: The current edition of Alysh & Siseum Rules will be applied unless Alysh decides
  differently for this competition.

The deadline to express your interest of participation is 25 August 2008 at latest.

Please Note: Further details and the Entry Forms (www.tresgames2008.org) will be sent to those
nations that meet the deadline 25. 08. 2008.

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Secretary General

Signed on behalf of the WBBWCA
Ginnasto Vileta
Chief

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Ssireum & Belt Wrestling Alysh
Demonstration & Competition

Introduction
Ssireum is designed to show many very different traditional Ssireum methods from various countries. Korean Ssireum competition will be shown in an exhibition game.

Venue
Gijang Gymnasium

Date
Sep. 27 - Sep. 29 (3 days) 10:00-17:00

Participants
30 countries 200 participants

Rules of the Games
Demonstration of traditional belt wrestling from different countries.
Ssireum, Korean traditional belt-wrestling bouts will be by weight class.
There will also be a traditional belt-wrestling competition

Affiliated with
Korea Ssireum Association
World Wrestling on Belt Committee Alysh
Competitors will be awarded by gold, silver or bronze medals.

Remarks
Certificates of participation are provided for demonstration

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Welcome to Siauliai!

Genadijus Miksys
The mayor of Siauliai

After signing the contract in September, 2008

Welcome to Lithuania – TAFISA Games 2012